

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A friction clutch intended for a drive assembly of a motor vehicle, operates between an internal-combustion engine and a transmission. The clutch has a clutch release device arranged inside a transmission/clutch housing and has a clutch release bearing and a hydraulic operating device with a cylinder housing and an operating piston operating in the cylinder housing. For optimizing the clutch release device of the friction clutch, the cylinder housing of the hydraulic operating device of the clutch release device is mounted on a bearing structure arranged adjacent to the internal-combustion engine and the friction clutch, which bearing structure is constructed independently of the clutch housing.